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Our Responsibilities for Intelligence on Civil Defense in the USSR

References : (a) IAC-M-79, 14 August 1952 (Tab A)

(b) IAC-D-20/2, Subject: Statement on Intelligence Deficiencies on HIR-60, "Civil Defense in the USSR" (Tab B)

1. You will note that in reference (a) the IAC approved reference (b) which recommended that CIA/ODR be designated as the focal point within the Intelligence community for intelligence on the civil defense in the USSR. The enclosed buckslip by Amory indicates that D/Z was given responsibility for following civil defense in the USSR. I am told that D/Z did accept this responsibility but I am unaware of any subsequent action on this subject.

2. Will you please consider this assignment of responsibility to ODR, which still stands to the best of my knowledge, and recommend a method whereby this Office can be prepared to contribute to HIRs incorporating discussions of civil defense in the USSR.

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